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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: A STRIP OF LAMINATION SECTORS AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
A MAGNETIC CIRCUIT FOR AN ELECTRICAL MACHINE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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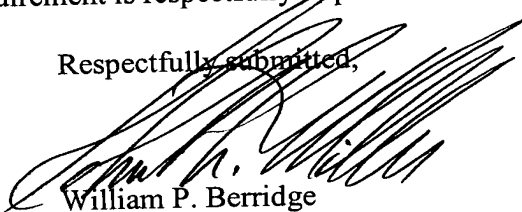
Sir:

In reply to the August 8, 2002 Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects  
Group I, claims 1-10 and 17-26, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-10 and 17-26 is  
sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims  
would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is  
respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be  
made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and  
examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must  
examine it on the merits even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions"  
(emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present  
application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative  
examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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